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REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 12-21 stand allowed in the application. Claims 22-37 were added (which include two independent claims, 22 & 30). Therefore, Claims 1-9, 12-37 are presented for examination herein.

Amendments made to allowed claims

Applicant conducted a detailed pre-issuance review after receiving the Notice of Allowance. Applicant found various drafting errors in the claims which could potentially lead to ambiguity and confusion. In some case antecedent basis errors were noted. In Claim 21, the claim was drafted as a server-side claim but got mixed up during prosecution to include some client-side type limitations. The amendments made to the allowed claims herein were made to more clearly recite the aspects of the invention claimed herein and to clear up drafting errors. None of the amendments add new matter or adversely affect the patentability of the claims as argued in the previous amendments.

New claims

Two new independent claims were added, Claims 22 and 30. Claim 22 is a server side method claim and Claim 30 is a client side method claim similar to Claim 22. Applicant had noted that while the allowed claim set included client-side apparatus claims, client-side method claims, and a server-side apparatus claim, the claim set lacked a server-side method claim. Hence the new claims are directed to the same general class of inventions as the allowed claims (but vary in scope), and add no new matter. Applicant respectfully submits that, like the allowed claims, the new claims are novel and non-obvious in light of all of the art of record.

Formalization of Drawings

Applicant further noted in his pre-issuance review that some of the drawings appeared to be informal. That is, according to Applicant's records, at least versions of FIG. 7, FIG. 8, and FIG. 9 that were submitted to the USPTO were informal (hand drawn) drawings. As such, Applicant seeks to overcome deficiency by submitting a full set of

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formal drawings herewith. The new set of drawing is just a formalized set of the drawings already submitted and add no new matter.

Summary

Claims 1-9, 12-21 stand allowed and claims 22-37 were added. Amendments were made to correct drafting errors and to more clearly recite the claimed invention. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a second Notice of Allowance for all pending claims so that the application can proceed to issue in its currently improved state.

Applicant notes that any amendments or claim cancellations made herein and not substantively discussed above are made solely for the purposes of more clearly and particularly describing and claiming the invention, and not for purposes of overcoming art. The Examiner should infer no (i) adoption of a position with respect to patentability, (ii) change in the Applicant's position with respect to any claim or subject matter of the invention, or (iii) acquiescence in any way to any position taken by the Examiner, based on such amendments or cancellations not substantively discussed.

Furthermore, any remarks made herein with respect to a given claim or amendment are intended only in the context of that specific claim or amendment, and should not be applied to other claims, amendments, or aspects of Applicant's invention.

Applicant specifically reserves the right to prosecute claims of differing and broader scope than those presented herein in a continuation application.

Lastly, Applicant notes that any amendments made by this paper which are not specifically discussed herein are made solely for the purpose of more clearly and particularly pointing out and claiming Applicant's invention.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments which may be resolved over the telephone, he is requested to call the undersigned at (305) 735-8533, fax a message at 305-437-7670, or send an email to dsperic@aol.com.

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